

University of Maryland, Baltimore Staff Senate  
Open Meeting Minutes  
March 6, 2008  
HSFI 516

**Roll Call:**

Present Senators: Liz Casher, Kiscia Cannon, Shannon Cooper, Dave DeLooze, William Griffin, Phyllis Lovito, Roy Ross, Dionne Washington, Jill Venezian, Danielle Brown.

Excused Senators: Debbie Hortsman, Sharon Andres, John Barber, Colette Becker, Bill Crockett, Ken Fahnstock, Aphrodite Bodycomb, Tom McHugh,  
Alternates: John McNair, Andrea LeFever, Libby Guarnera, Jean Marie Roth

Phyllis called the meeting to order at 12:09 PM and asked for the Roll Call.

**Minutes:** Jill Venezian added corrections to the minutes. The motion was made by Dave DeLooze, seconded by Tom McHugh and carried to approve the Minutes of the February 8, 2008 meeting as submitted.

Remarks from the Executive Committee (Phyllis Lovito): None

Meeting with HR - 02/12/2008

Meeting with President Ramsey - none

**Committee Reports:**

**Campus Life** - No report

**By Laws** - No report

**Policy and Legislation** Roy Ross

- There are some budget concerns for the higher education funds. They plan to bring \$55MM to system because of the economic revenue builder.
- Current OBM has with in budget 2% COLA and merit step increase remaining in budget
- Have not completed revenue projections

**Communication and Nomination**

Staff Senate nominations call for nominations will be sent out in April via e-mail.

**Community Outreach** - No report. Liz stepped down as co-chiar.

**CUSS:**

Attended Meeting: Colette Becker, Dave DeLooze, Roy Ross  
Place: University of Maryland College Park  
Date: February 26, 2008

- Joint meeting of the Council of University System Staff (CUSS) and the Council of University System Faculty (CUSF)

- Governor created higher education fund and may be funded if/when the bring slots to Maryland
- Minutes from council were reviewed from the past 4 months and accepted
- Senator Mikulski BOR meeting on 2/25: USM regulated national module for infrastructure
- Senate Bill 49 review of duplicate programs
- House Bill 350 repeal of Health Benefits Council; AFSCME says they negotiate for staff so they (Union) want this council to go away. Unfortunately this leaves University Staff with no say on how the State allocates health benefits.
- Senate Bill 538, Senate Bill 617: collective bargaining for adjunct faculty repealed
- Open enrollment health fair will be held last 2 weeks in April and open enrollment will take place last 2 weeks in May. Open enrollment will be all paper
- Still do not know if the Department of Budget Management will be offering domestic partner benefits.
- Life Cycle Funds with TIAA/CREF has been approved. Effective March 10, 2008.
- Supplemental Retirement Funds - still don't know if state will provide match or how much.
- No news on COLA - projected 2.0%.
- System is asking for a 2.5% funded merit
- HB1220 - Service fees for Union - not sure if this will pass. Could be a last minute vote at end of session.

### Standing Committees-

Special Events: - Kiscia Cannon

Women's History Month Celebration will be held in the School of Nursing 3/27/08. Guest speaker Lynne Bricks from Brick Bodies will speak at 12PM. There will be a Craft bazaar following from 12:45 - 3:00 PM in the SON lobby.

IT: No Report

Library: No meeting - no report

Parking: No meeting - no report

Safety Awareness: Jill Venezian

- Subway shuttle will operate until 12:30 AM. Call 6.6882
- Pamphlets on safety in the office and street were distributed
- Update on campus incidents from William Griffin

Old Business: None

New Business: Jill Venezian

Flyer for World Fest to be held on 4/3/08 MSTF 6-9PM

Adjournment: Before calling for adjournment Phyllis reminded all Senators that our next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 3 in HSF I 516 (12:00 - 1:30). The meeting was adjourned at 12:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phyllis Lovito  
Secretary/Treasurer